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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- against -

ABDUL MUTALIB OSMAN,

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

(18 U.S.C. § 1546(a))

No. 22-MJ-1288

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EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, SS:

ALISON PIERCE, being duly sworn, deposes and states that she is a Special Agent with the United States Department of State, duly appointed according to law and acting as such.

On or about December 3, 2022, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant ABDUL MUTALIB OSMAN, did knowingly and intentionally utter, use, attempt to use, possess, obtain, accept, and receive one or more documents prescribed by statute or regulation for entry into and as evidence of authorized stay and employment in the United States, which defendant knew to be procured by means of a false claim and statement and otherwise procured by fraud and otherwise unlawfully obtained.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1546(a))

The source of your deponent's information and the grounds for her belief are as follows:<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Because the purpose of this Complaint is to set forth only those facts necessary to establish probable cause to arrest, I have not described all the relevant facts and circumstances of which I am aware.

1. I am a Special Agent with the United States Department of State (“State”) and have been involved in the investigation of numerous cases involving passport and visa fraud. I am familiar with the facts and circumstances set forth below from my participation in the investigation; my review of the investigative file; and from reports of other law enforcement officers involved in the investigation.

2. On or about December 3, 2022, the defendant ABDUL MUTALIB OSMAN arrived at Terminal 4 at John F. Kennedy International Airport (“JFK”) in Queens, New York on a flight from Accra, Ghana.

3. Upon arrival, the defendant ABDUL MUTALIB OSMAN proceeded to the United States Customs screening and presented to officers from the United States Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) a Ghanaian passport with what appeared to be a fraudulently obtained I-551 form (i.e., a Green Card).

4. The CBP officers referred the defendant ABDUL MUTALIB OSMAN to a secondary screening. During the secondary screening, a CBP officer determined that the Alien registration number on the I-551 form was not assigned to OSMAN in CBP’s systems. In fact, the Alien registration number on the I-551 form was assigned to an Indian woman.

5. CBP officers next conducted a custodial interview of the defendant ABDUL MUTALIB OSMAN, during which OSMAN admitted to receiving the I-551 form from a close friend and businessman in Ghana. OSMAN denied paying for the I-551 form.

6. The defendant ABDUL MUTALIB OSMAN explained to the CBP officers that he provided the close friend and businessman his Ghanaian passport and a passport-sized photograph to create the I-551 form. OSMAN further admitted that knew the I-551 form was intended to give him permanent residency in the United States, but that he had never applied

for residency in the United States. Finally, OSMAN admitted that he intended to use the fraudulent I-551 form to enter the United States without further question.

WHEREFORE, your deponent respectfully requests that the defendant ABDUL MUTALIB OSMAN be dealt with according to law.



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ALISON PIERCE  
Special Agent  
United States Department of State

Sworn to before me this  
5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022



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